

REMARKS

Claims 13-24 have been added to further scope the invention.

No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

The rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Ogle (U.S. Patent No. Re. 29,629), newly cited, is in error. The Examiner states that Ogle discloses that: "... the widths of the scanning electrode and the sustaining electrode in a second direction crossing the first direction being substantially equal to each other [sic]." (Detailed Action, p. 1, lines 14-16). However, Applicants submit that in FIG. 3 of Ogle, which is a plan view of a portion of the panel of FIGS. 1 and 2, it is clear that cathode members 30 and 60 differ in size by almost 50% (FIG. 3). Thus, Ogle cannot anticipate this aspect of claim 1, nor any claims dependent therefrom.

In addition, the self-scan type PDP has a DC structure. Thus, the scanning electrode and display electrode both work as the cathode, and the anode is the transparent electrode orthogonal to the former two electrodes on the front substrate. Therefore, the aforementioned structure causes discharge between both the scanning electrode and display electrode and the anode.

Turning to the rejection of claims 5-12 as obvious over Ogle in view of Torisaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,456,006), claims 5-12 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1. The deficiencies of Ogle vis-à-vis claim 1 are discussed above. The secondary reference Torisaki does not supply the above-mentioned missing teachings. Thus, no combination of Ogle and Torisaki could achieve or render obvious claim 1, or claims 5-12 which depend thereon.

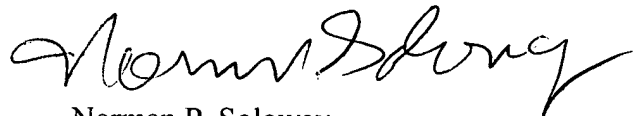
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Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

A credit card authorization Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$72.00 in payment of the added claim fees (4 added dependent claims) accompanies this Amendment. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

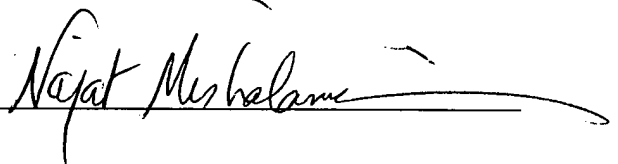
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